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(2) Dr. C. Oommen, L.M., & S., Mavelikara, Travancore-Cochin State. Name permanently removed for publishing his name under the heading "Learn Homeopathy" in the Hindu", dated 13th February and 27th March 1954.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : The Hon. Minister was pleased to say that in the first instance the name of the medical practitioner was removed for a period of one month. As a matter of fact his name was removed by the Medical Council for one year and the Government intervened and reduced the period to one month. Inasmuch as the offence committed by the medical practitioner is a serious one may I know why the Government in this important case reduced the punishment instead of enhancing it?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : The Government considered the appeal and in view of the explanation he has given the Government reduced the punishment to one month.

Chettuvai and Kuyyalippalam bridges

* 2785 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state with reference to the answer to Question No. 256 given on 13th December 1954 the present stage of the proposal for the construction of Chettuvai bridge in Ponnani taluk, Malabar?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI : The proposal to construct the Chettuvai Bridge in Ponnani taluk was considered as a Part II Scheme for the State Budget for 1955–56 but it had to be deferred for want of funds. The question as to how the work could be financed is engaging the attention of the Government.

* 2786 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Kuyyalippalam bridge near the Tellicherry Railway station in North Malabar was completely damaged recently; and

(*b*) if so, when the bridge will be repaired or rebuilt?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI : (*a*) The wood in the bridge members disintegrated badly due to age and some wooden planks of the bridge deck were found removed on 25th June 1955.

(*b*) Immediate repairs are being carried out. The question of reconstructing the bridge is one for consideration by the Malabar District Board and the Tellicherry Municipality.